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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perused by a Society of GENTLEMEN.

From Friday March 10th. to Monday March 13th. 1710.

Q. WORTHY APOLLO, *Be pleas'd to Expound Our Saviour's Words.* John 21. 22. *For your Admirer,* I. C——d.

A. The Words are, *If I will that he tarry till I come,' what is that to Thee?* His coming do's not mean his Second and Glorious Appearance to Judge the World, but the Deſtruction of the *Jewiſh* City and Nation. The Senſe is this. "Thou O "*Peter*, that'ſt Suffer Death of thy Brethren the "*Jews*, but I will have *John* to tarry till I take "Revenge of that Wicked Nation." And this is confirmed by Hiſtory: For all agree, that St. *Peter* was Crowned with Martyrdom, before the Deſtruction of *Jeruſalem*, and that St. *John* ſurvived it. That his *coming* may be juſtly interpreted in this Metaphorical Senſe, we need not doubt, if we compare it with other Places of Scripture. For the Times that preceeded that Deſtruction are called the laſt Times, and the End of the World; and thoſe that followed it are called a *New Creation*, a *New Heaven*, and a *New Earth*, which relates to the Diſpenſation of the Gospel amongſt the Gentiles.

Q. *Whether a Member of an* Anabaptiſt *Congregation ought to be Baptized before he can be admitted a Member of the Eſtabliſh'd Church of* England. *The Solution of which Oblige Gentlemen your Humble Servant and Subſcriber,* B. L.

A. If the Perſon has not already been Baptized according to their Form, it is neceſſary that he now ſhou'd be at his Admiſſion into the Church. But if he has, we are of Opinion that their Baptiſm is valid and need not be repeated. We know great Controverſy has been in the *Chriſtian* Church, whether Baptiſm adminiſtred by Hereticks is valid. The Orthodox have generally determined the Matter with this Diſtinction, which we think muſt be allowed. *Viz.* That Baptiſm is invalid and therefore muſt be repeated, when adminiſtred by ſuch Hereticks as deny the Fundamentals of Chriſtianity and Baptiſm, that is Faith in the Holy Trinity. For which Reaſon the Baptiſm of the *Arians* of Old, and the *Socinians* now is invalid; for ſuch corrupt the very ſubſtance or Eſſence of Baptiſm, which muſt always be adminiſtred in the Name of the Sacred Trinity. But if Hereticks retain the Fundamentals of Baptiſm, which conſtitute its very Eſſence, their Baptiſm is valid and not to be repeated, tho' they do err in ſome other Fundamental Articles of the Chriſtian Faith. And of this laſt ſort are the *Anabaptiſts*.

Q. Gentlemen, *Having orders to buy up a few Books ſome for Diverſion, ſome for Knowledge of other Kingdoms and ſome for Poetry; therefore I would beg the favor to inform me of the beſt Authors, but with all the diſpatch conveniently you can becauſe the Gentleman's ſtay in* London *is very ſhort.*

A. For Poetry, let him buy *Milton's Paradiſe loſt*, *Hudibraſs*, *Prior's Poems*, *the Diſpenſary*, and *Philips's Poem upon Cyder*. For a general Knowledge of other Countries, let him get ſome Syſtem of Geography; ſuch as that of *Moll*, *Morden*, or the *Atlas* that is now Publiſhed Monthly. For Diverſion read Mr. *St. Evremont's Works*, *Temple's Miſcellanies*, *the Adventures of Telemachus*, and the *Hiſtory of Don Quixot*. But in order to Anſwer this Queſtion properly, we ſhou'd know the Number of Books you are to buy up, and eſpecially the Humor and Capacity of the Gentleman. The Recommendation of Authors is a nice and difficult Point, and whenever we do any thing of this Kind, we wou'd not be thought to injure other Authors by our not mentioning of them. You may know the Price of the other Book's you name at the Bookſellers.

Q. Gentlemen, *I Sold to my Chapman about* 60 l. *werth of Goods, and he contracts to pay me in* 3 *not to exceed* 4 *Months, but he makes it* 7 *or* 8 *before he pays me, and at length pays me, but ſometime after looking over his Account I found I had Overcharged or rather made a Miſtake of* 20 s. *by Charging more then they came to.*——*Query, whether or no I am Obliged to return that* 20 s. *ſeeing he has kept me out of my Money ſo long above Contract, that the Intereſt of it at* 6 l per Cent. *would come to more. In doing this you'l Oblige us that wiſh well and aſſiſt Your Uncle taking.*

A. You are obliged in Conſcience and Honeſty to return it him, if he made no Contract with you

to pay Intereſt for the Time that he exceeded the Day of Payment. We do not pretend to tell you what the Law wou'd determine in this Caſe, but in Common Equity and the general Practice of Mankind, ſuch Exactneſs is judged ſcandalous and unjuſt. And you cannot be Ignorant that the Advancement and even ſubſiſtence of Commerſe is principally owing to mutual Forbearance.

Q. *Pray, Favor us with the Vertues of the Goa-Stone.*

A. It is an Eminent Cordial, Alexipharmick and Sudorifick; Prevails wonderfully againſt all Diſtempers of the Head and Brain proceeding from Cold or Moiſture. Tis Powerful againſt the Plague, Small Pox, Meaſles, and all ſorts of Maligrant Fevers, and is a Specifick in Cramps and Nervous Contractions.

Q. Gentlemen, *What is the beſt way to Cure a Jealous Wife? Which will much Oblige your Inferior* P. R *who is very much Afflicted with one.*

A. We doubt you are miſtaken in that Paſſion, and take your Wife's real belief that you are falſe to her Bed for Jealouſy. If ſhe be truly Jealous, her Affliction deſerves more Pity than yours. For to be rightly infected with it, ſhe muſt have an entire Affection for you, and, whilſt ſhe ſuſpects you may be falſe to her, have an equal concern, leaſt ſhe may abuſe your Innocence. Sometimes looking upon herſelf as the moſt unfortunate of her Sex, in Surrendring up entirely her Heart to one, who prefers the Contaminated Imbraces of another to all the Comforts of her Life; at other times fearing ſhe may juſtly deſerve it at your Hands, by ungenerouſly wronging of you. Thus her Soul is upon the Rack, between doubts, without much diſturbing you with it; for fear (as before) of wronging you.

If the Caſe be thus 'tis her concern to ſeek for a Cure. But if your Afflictions ariſe from her direct Acculations of your Unfaithfulneſs to her (which is no longer Jealouſy) then you muſt (if Innocent) conſider, on what ſhe grounds her Cenſure, whether on a particular Perſon, whom ſhe ſuſpects to have gain'd an Aſcendant over your Heart, or on your Natural Inclination to Variety. If the firſt, it will be your wiſeſt courſe to ſhun all Converſation with ſuch Perſon, for tho' in it ſelf, it might be no fault to continue it, yet the diſturbance it might give to your Wife's repoſe may make it a Fault. If the laſt, and ſhe miſtruſts you on your free, open and pleaſant Converſation, whilſt you are conſcious you deſerve no Imputation thereon, there is no Cure but by a general reſtraint on all your Words and Actions, and then the Remedy is worſe than the Diſeaſe, and no Man is bound to Sacrifice all the Comforts of his Life to the Fooliſh Capriches of a Cenſorious Woman. But then again, ſometimes ſuch miſtruſts are only feign'd, to prevent a Scrutiny into their own Guilt, and which we have reaſon to ſuſpect, when they can ſhew no rational Ground for their Impeachment.

Q. Illuſtrious Apollo, *Pray, what is the Reaſon, that I who have been a Learner of the Noble Art of Muſick a very conſiderable time, yet can by no means attain to any Perfection therein, notwithſtanding I know as much of the Grounds of it as moſt Men, and alſo have had as good Maſters, who all agree that I have Skill and a good Finger for that purpoſe. Your Anſwer to this will highly Oblige Yours,* &c.

A. Perfection is not to be attain'd in Muſick, for then it wou'd ceaſe to be a Science. But if your Ear and Finger are good, and your Inclinations ſtrong and indefatigable, all theſe aſſiſted alſo by the Inſtructions of the beſt Maſters, both in Theory and Practiſe, if with all theſe you cannot make ſo great a Progreſs others do in the ſame time, then your *Genius* muſt be leſs apt and capacious, than that of others. Your Maſters who take your Money may not acquaint you with this ungrateful Truth. Yet this advantage you have, that if you attain your deſires at laſt, you will be more Maſter of them, ſince the fatigue by which you acquire them, will occaſion them to be deeper Impreſt in your Mind, and their Ideas thereby render'd more permanent.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, if you pleaſe, an Anſwer with ſpeed to the enſuing Queſtion. Pray, what is the reaſon that ſome are apt (on occaſion) to ſay when* the Old one is gone, there ſeldom comes a Better; *when oftentimes it proves a very good Acquitance when the Old one is Departed. Yours,* W A.

A. Tho' it may often prove as you ſay; yet in the Lottery of the Comforts of Humane Life, there is ſuch a vaſt difference in the Odds of the Blanks to the Prizes, that we have more reaſon to ſuſpect our ſucceeding Fortune will be rather worſe than better.

Q. Gentlemen, *I know a Woman who pretends to a world of Religion and Reputation, and at the ſame time makes no ſcruple to be Bawd to her own Daughter; and as thoſe two ſi ſt things cannot be reconciled with the latter you will Oblige ſeveral of your Subſcribers to deſcribe of what Principles and Character muſt be ſuch a Woman.* M. A. R. W.

A. You have given her ſufficiently a Character already, the odious[illegible] needs no Argument to inforce a Belief, that it is ſuch.

Q. *It is above two Months ago, ſince I ſent you the following Queſtion (why when any one Sneezes, the Perſon that ſits by ſays* God bleſs you) *and I have had no Anſwer: Pray inſert it in your next Paper and don't neglect.* *Your Admirer,* M. P.

A. This we Anſwer'd ſeveral Months before the time you firſt ſent it.

Q. *Which do you think of all the Biſhops of* England *is moſt Judicious, Learned, and Holy?*

A. Compariſons of this kind are Odious, and therefore we deſire you would not trouble us with ſuch any more.

Q. Apollo, *Pray, how came ſuch an unmanly Cuſtom into* England, *as for Men during their Viſitation of their Miſtreſs's, to Cringe and bow, and as it were to make themſelves the Ladies Unworthieſt Servants; and, pray, pleaſe to ſatisfie me, whether there is no way to gain the Lady's Favour but by ſuch (in my Judgment) unſeemly Methods.* *Yours,* W. A.

A. Not to inſiſt on the Beauty of the Fair Sex, which in all Ages hath gain'd an Aſcendant over the Hearts of the Wiſeſt and Braveſt Men, and by its own Influence hath naturally exacted the higheſt Regard from them; we may conſider when they Marry, they put themſelves entirely under their Husband's Protection, and diveſt themſelves of the Right to all they had in the World before, to place it in his Power. Certainly ſuch Advantages cannot be addreſs'd for with too much Reſpect: Beſides, were they fought to, by a rougher way, they wou'd have much Reaſon to ſuſpect, they were intended for abſolute Slaves when in their Husbands Power, and ſo wiſely decline the means of ſuch Subjection.

Q. *What is the difference between* French *and* Pearl-Barley, *as to its Vertues?*

A. They differ only in this, *viz.* The *Pearl-Barley* bears the Preference, as not being ſo Strong as the *French*, and more Cooling.

POEMS.

APOLLO.

Q. TELL *who Invented firſt the* Taylor's Trade,
And in what Form Apparel then was made?

A. Th' *Inventor, Adam*; and the Form you'l find
An *Apron*, for the Parents of Mankind;
The *Skins* of *Beaſts* next follow'd; then Nation
Took, as they fancy'd moſt, a ſeveral Faſhion.

APOLLO.

Q. *Your charming Strains, and ſoft Seraphick Lire*
Has melted Silvia *int' a warm deſire,*
That ſhe with Love *your* Godſhip *might Inſpire.*
Ah! tho' you Sphere's *above my peircing Eyes,*
Yet view your Lover *and her Mourning cry's:*
Or elſe look down, Oh! awful God *and there,*
See Mournful Silvia *in a wild deſpair,*
That hardly till you ſpeak her fate can bear.
Ah! then——————
Lift up my drooping Soul, or ſink me low,
That Death no longer wait, I'll give the fatal blow.

SILVIA.

A. Oh no, *Apollo* never cou'd be ſaid,
To want Compaſſion for a *Love-ſick* Maid;
His Arms were always open to the *Fair*,
That each might in him have, at leaſt, a ſhare.
For ſince but few, ah, very few that can,
Hope *wholly* to poſſeſs one *Mortal Man*,
It wou'd be moſt prepoſterous and Odd,
Shou'd any hope they may Ingroſs a *God*.

To the BRITISH APOLLO.

Q. *I am reſolv'd, let what will follow,*
To put affront upon Apollo;
And therefore plainly be it ſaid,
You act juſt like a Logger-head;
To take my Queries (which are many
And coſt me every one a Penny)
And put them on your Rubbiſh File,
Do ye think indeed it's worth my while?
I ſent to know why my laſt Query,
Was not yet Anſwer'd, but nought hear I;
If I complain, it nought avails me,
I wonder what the D——l ails ye?
Before you ſerv'd me thus, I'll Swear,
It is as true as you are there,
I valu'd you for your deſert,
And lov'd you really at my Heart;
And had I met you would have ſhow'd,
Reſpect t'ye as a petty God;
Yet who my Friends could be, I tro,
But moved, when they're ſerved ſo.

Signior Edwardo.

A. The Queries meant in thy Lampoon,
We know no more than *Man ith' Moon*,
At ſame time, when you thus complain,
They ſhou'd be ſent (inclos'd) again;
For oft we've in one *Name* a Score,
And ſometimes twice as many more,
And which to which belong we know not;
When Letters at the ſame time ſhow not.
But yet ſuppoſe [illegible] for their Style,
Are mounted on our Rubbiſh File;
Why *DON EDWARDO*, all this Paſſion,
And why thus ruffel'd out of Faſhion?
Tho' you have loſt a *Penny* twice,
With *Wit* amounting to that Price,
Which makes the Total Sum a *Groat*,
And tho' you have no Anſwer for't;
Yet rather than vex thy exiſtence,
We will preſent thee back with Six-pence,
And then thou may'ſt a Gainer boaſt,
And that tis we alone have loſt.
But if thou ſtill maintain'ſt thy Fury,
We will condemn the 'thout a Jury;
And Humble thee for be'ng Obſtreperous,
In ſending ſuch an Angry Letter t'us;
For *DON* it ſhall no more be ſaid,
But we will call you downright, *NED*.

To APOLLO,
From the TOP *of my* TURRET.

Q. Apollo, *if you this Queſtion have found,*
Tell why my Head's Giddy, and ſeems to turn Round,
If from a high place I look to the Ground,
And I ſhall be certain with Wit you abound:
If your Anſwer be ſpeedy, and ſmart too as mine is,
Then at your Command, Sir, a Bottle of Wine is.

Hackney. Edwardo.

A. If your Head be not turn'd with the Whirl-
(ing of Leaves,
Look back to the firſt we e'er Writ, if you pleaſe,
And tho' you're as Giddy, as e'er was a Gooſe,
Without ſtronger Brains too than her, for your uſe;
You'l find there your Queſtion reſolv[illegible],
And ſo muſt excuſe us from Anſw'ring again.

APOLLO.

Q. *Thou Conjuring Whipſter, whoſe Knowledge*
(ne'er fails,
Inform me the Reaſon, why all Humane Males
Preſerve Youthful Voices by having Cut-Tails;
Tho' this Rule don't hold throughout all the Creation,
Since ſev'ral Quadrupeds *make no Alteration*
In Sounds, when they have or have not had Caſtra-
(tion;
But now I'm paſt Wenching, will Gelding thus late
Repair Lungs decay'd? Or my Hoarſneſs abate?
That I NICOLIN *may in Singing Excell,*
As much as in Fidling I out doe CORELI?
Indeed I'm adviſ'd by an Old Midnight Mother,
To lop that Part uſeleſs to recruit the Other;

But

But till I do hear what your Wiſdom ſhall utter,
I'll guard ſafe my Tackle from any Sow Cutter.
Conſider it nicely, and Solve the Caſe clear,
Since 'tis of vaſt Conſequence to Don Saltere.

Chelſea.

A. Has not *DON SALTERO* made yet Ob-
(ſervation,
The like effects follow throughout the Creation;
The *Hog* Grunts a *Tenor*, a *Baſe* Grunts the *Boar*,
And *Bulls* with Hoarſe Voices both Grumble and
(Roar;
While *Oxen*, with Accents, leſs terrible, *Low*;
And when like a *Cock* did a *Capon* e'er *Crow?*
Yet what need Experiments, ſince you have gain'd
Your End, and what further can then be obtain'd;
For your harſh *Mandrak-Voice*, does already Excell,
NICOLIN, as much as your *vile ſcraping*
(*CORELL*.
Nay tho' by *Caſtration* Improvement might be,
It muſt be in *Youth* not in *Dotage* like thee;
Of which thou'rt a Proof, ſuch an *Impotent* Crea-
(ture.
That thou art already *Caſtrated* by *Nature*.

SIR,

LONDON, March 13th. Letters from Hague 14. Say the Duke of Marlborough ſince his arrival here has declared in a conference which he had with the Deputies of the States that the Intention of the Queen of Great Britain, was to continue the War and puth the ſame with all poſſible Vigor which has been notify'd to the Deputies of the ſeveral Provinces in order to have their Conſent thereupon. At the ſame times the Allies are making vaſt Preparations in Flanders and Brabant, and are Fortifying Warneton, and ſome other ſmall Places (which they have poſſeſſed themſelves) in order to ſecure the Tranſport of Proviſions and Amunition by Water along the River Lys, which are to be ſent from hence to Zas Van Ghent, and from thence ro our Army:

From Muſcow, that the Czar had reſolved to leave that Place on the 17 or 18 Inſtant, and go by the way of Petersburg to his Army before Riga, in order to make himſelf Maſter of that Place, which has been for a long time blockt up, and is ſaid ro be reduced to the laſt Extremity, being in want of all Neceſſaries

They continve to talk that the Saxons who are in Poland are to leave that Country and return home in order to ſerve in the Army of the Allies in Flanders this Summer, by reaſon the Polanders are diſcontent at the having ſo many Foreign Troops in their Country, which is at preſent in a very bad Coedition, not only by the long War they have had, but alſo by Famine and Peſtilence that has Reigned there for ſome time.

We have nothing from Alſatia, only that the French continte their Preparations for War, and (as they give out) for ſome great Enterpriſe, in Caſe Peace be not made, and the Germans on their part are doing the like and will have an Army of 50000 Men in the Field next Summer.

We hear from Vienna, of the 1ſt. Inſtant, that a Swediſh Officer is arrived there to deſire Paſports from the Emperor for the King of Sweden, who is ſtill at Bender, and has leave from the Ottoman Port to depart thence when his Majeſty pleaſes. 'Tis ſaid that his Majeſty has receiv'd conſiderable Sums of Money from that Part, and very Rich Preſents made him by the Grand Signior and Prime Vizier.

'Tis ſaid thet my Lord Shannon is appointed to go and Command Her Majeſty's Forces in Portugal, and that his Lordſhip has ordered his Equipage to be ready to part hence and Imbark upon the firſt Convoy that is to go to Lisbon, with ſeveral other Officers that are ſtill here and are to make the Campain in that Country, from whence we have adviſe that the Portugeze Army with the Auxiliary Troops have Orders to be ready to March upon the firſt Command, the Spaniſh Troops are alſo Aſſembled near Badajox. There is a great talk at Lisbon, that the Queen of Portugal is with Child. Which is all from Yours, &c.

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I *Elizabeth Parſons*, of *Naked-Boy-Court* in *Bell-Savage-Yard* on *Ludgate-Hill*, *London*, Widow, having for above 21 Years paſt, been Afflicted with a Cancerous Humour, in the under-lid of my Right Eye, which very much endanger'd the Sight of that Eye, having applied my ſelf to Mr. *Grant* OCULIST, by God's goodneſs he made a perfect Cure thereof in 2 Months time, ſo that I enjoy my Sight perfectly well altho' above 80 Years of Age, in acknowledgment of which Cure I hereunto ſet my Hand, *Elizabeth Parſons. January* 27. 1709.

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